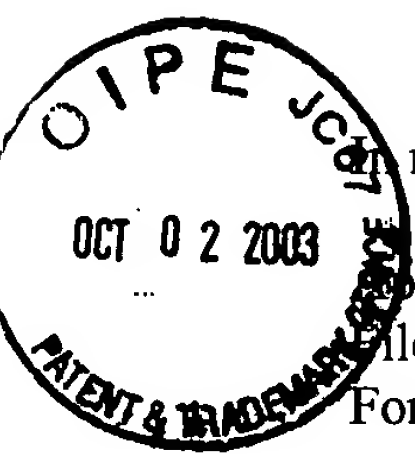


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Application No.: 09/728,187

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For: Screw Fastener in Mutiple Floor Truss and Wood-to-Wood Shear Connection

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. Payment of the issue fee

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Prior to payment of issue fee. Prosecution in the application is closed. QRC  
A notice of Allowability was mailed 12/20/02. QRC

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## ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)  
Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)  
An amendment

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### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 770.00

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	25	- 25	= 0	x \$ 18.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	4	- 4	= 0	x \$ 86.00	= \$		0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 290.00	= \$		0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$		0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

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Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))

\$770.00

Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))

\$0.00

Total Fee(s) Due:

\$770.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

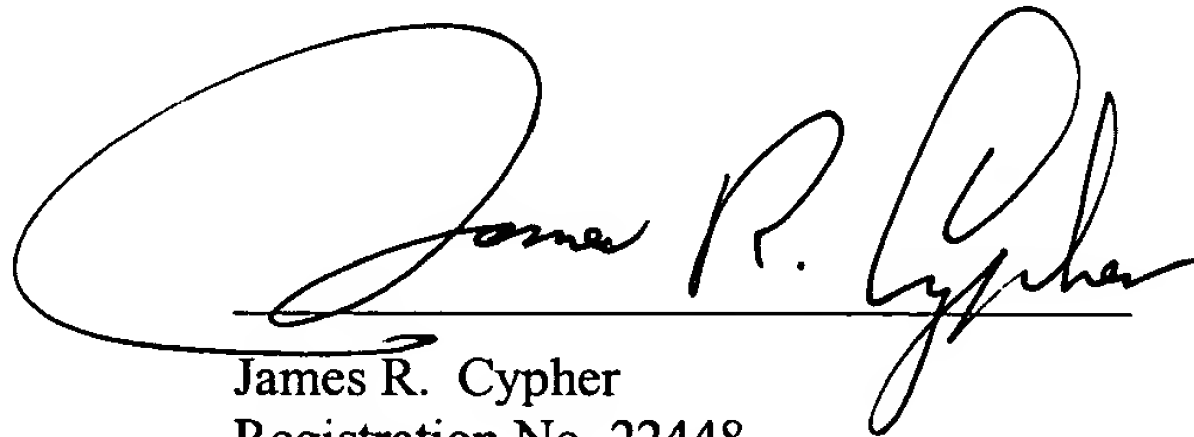
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Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 03-4075.

**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

Date: October 1, 2003



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